

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 39-64 are allowed over the prior art of record.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The claims in this application have been allowed because the prior art of record fails to disclose either singly or in combination the claimed device of an implantable injection port comprising a rotatable disc which releases hook like fasteners via a deployment tool which rotates that disc.

The closest prior art of record is WO 99/26543 to Pier, U.S Patent 5,833,698 to Hinchcliffe et al and U.S Patent 5,718,682 to Tucker, However these references do not disclose the device as claimed or described above.

Regarding claims 39, 48 and 57, the closest prior art of records fails to teach among all the limitations or render obvious the rotating disc and transmission element in the deployment tool that would deploy fasteners on the implantable injection port comprising a septum.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to DIVA RANADE whose telephone number is (571)270-7456. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 7:30-5pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nick Lucchesi can be reached on (571) 272-4977. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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